

BRAVE PART IS PLAYED BY WAYNESBORO IN WAR

From Beginning to End of Civil
Conflict Her Sons Were
at Front.

COMPANY E FIRST FORMED In Famous Raids of Sheridan and Hunter and in Many Battles They Bore Share of Fighting Against Yankee Invaders.

Company E was the first company formed in Waynesboro. Old John Brown's raid upon Harper's Ferry in 1859 and the intense excitement all over Virginia caused the formation of many volunteer companies throughout the State, and among them was the splendid cavalry company formed in Waynesboro, though the majority of its members was made up from the country young men with a few from Waynesboro, and every member was a fine horseman and expert rider, and rode his own favorite horse.

After the John Brown raid these companies throughout the State, whether cavalry, artillery or infantry, were kept up to the full complement of four commissioned officers, a captain and three lieutenants and noncommissioned officers, and numbering in all about 100 to 104 men, rank and file. The gallant Captain William Patrick was the leading spirit of the Waynesboro cavalry company, and when the war broke out he led away one beautiful spring morning in 1861 as fine a body of gallant swordsmen and riders as was ever seen during the war.

Upon the reorganization of the army late in 1861 at Manassas, this company was incorporated as Company E in the famous First Virginia Cavalry, at first commanded by the immortal J. E. B. Stuart, later by Colonel William H. Jones, and still later by Colonel Wesley H. Carter, the latter being captured in 1864. Lieutenant Colonel William Morris, who thereafter led the gallant First Virginia Cavalry, was killed at the battle of Appomattox, and later Major William Patrick was killed at the Second Manassas, and the close of the war.

The gallant second of Company E was equaled by few and surpassed by none in the whole army.

Captain William Long.
William Long, a modest and hard-working son of old John Long, as he was familiarly known, the old soldier of Waynesboro, formed an infantry company which later was part of the famous Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, whose first commander was the great lawyer and patriot, Colonel John B. Baldwin. Like Company E, above named, the great majority of Captain Long's company was made up from young men from the county. There were several companies from Augusta in the Fifty-second Regiment, besides Captain Long's. Captain Long had served gallantly in the Mexican War, twelve years previously, and to this fact was due his election as captain without opposition. He was married away from Staunton to the front in the early summer of 1861.

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Sheridan's Raid.
On March 1 and 2, 1862, Sheridan, with about 9,000 splendidly equipped Valley Force, had ridden up on his way to join Grant at Richmond, on his way to burn and destroy as he rode through the winter quarters in McClure's woods, near Fishersville, and the small division of infantry (Wharton's) and a battery of artillery, learning late that Sheridan had galloped to Staunton, moved his little half-starved and half-dressed command of 2,300 men down to Waynesboro, and by daylight had posted them on the ridge running from Gallaher's farm, north to the hill above the Chesapeake and Ohio station, where he had his artillery. Meanwhile, the old gallant hunter, standing on the hill near the old gallant home, with a few two boys who had deserted from Waynesboro to the Yankees led about 100 of Sheridan's cavalry through the "Old Punch Bowl" woods and across the land by Jim Craig's present cider mill and orchard to the end of what is now known as Wayne Avenue, at the river. These forces were screened and cut off from the only ford and bridge in the view of Early by reason of the hill and Gallaher's woods.

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[Editor's note.—This article was written by Colonel D. Clinton Gallaher, formerly of Waynesboro, Va., now of Washington, D. C., and read by Mrs. A. Ward Morris, mother of the Waynesboro Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.]

Genealogical Notes Queries and Answers

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Will of Obadiah Smith.

In the name of God, amen, I, Obadiah Smith, of the County of Henrico, being in perfect health and memory, thanks be to God, Therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that to all men this my last will and testament, that I, Obadiah Smith, do hereby recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian manner, and at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general assent and approbation of my friends and relations, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly by estate here with it has pleased God to bless me, I give and bequeath to my wife, Mary Smith, all that land and tract of land which I have purchased and do hereby recommend it to her and to her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, John Smith, and his heirs, 300 acres of land, be the same, more or less, beginning on John Pleasant's line on the north, and up the branch to the new road and down the same within a hundred yards of John Cannon's line and leaving that distance Joseph Pleasant's line, and thence to the place begun, and likewise, I give to my said son, John, a tract of land with two acres of land adjoining the same on the back side the aforesaid line. I give to my aforesaid son, John, two negro slaves called Prem and Sarah to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, Obadiah Smith, and his heirs, 300 acres of land, more or less, beginning on John Pleasant's line in "Merry Branch," the same to "Jacob Branch," so up the same on the south side of the White Oak Slash, to the Brook Road, and up the same road to Horse Swamp, and down to Robert Sharp's line and thence to the place begun. I give unto my aforesaid son, Obadiah Smith, one negro slave called John, him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son, Jacob Smith, and his heirs, 300 acres of land, be the same, more or less, being the remainder of the tract of land above the Brook Road lying and running as follows, beginning on John Cannon's line on the Brook Road, up the said line to Colonel Byrd's line, up the same to Branch, down Branch to John Price's line so to Thomas Williams' line, and along the same to Mr. Richardson's line, and down the road to the place begun. I give to my aforesaid son, Jacob Smith, two negro slaves called Doll and Rachel to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Ellis, and her heirs forever, one tract of land containing 400 acres, more or less, being the most part of the branch called Long and Hungry. I give unto my aforesaid daughter, Elizabeth Ellis, two negro slaves called Roger and Will and a sucking child to her and her heirs.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Smith, and her heirs forever, a tract of land containing 400 acres, more or less, being a part of the aforesaid tract adjoining the Brook Road. I give unto my daughter, Mary Smith, two negro slaves called Peter and Jenny to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my loving son, William Smith, and his heirs forever, 300 acres of land, be the same, more or less, beginning on Horse Swamp on the Brook Road and up the road to Mr. Richardson's line, thence to Mr. Mossey's line, and then to William Perrier's line to Horse Swamp and down the same to the place begun. I give to my aforesaid son, William Smith, and his heirs the land I bought of William Perrier, being by estimation forty acres more or less. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Smith, the remainder of the aforesaid tract of land and likewise the plantation whereupon I now live, with all appurtenances thereunto belonging. I give unto my aforesaid daughter, Mary Smith, three negroes called Toby, Frank and

her child called Daniel to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary Smith, five negroes called Will, Jack, Judith, Jane, Sue, during her natural life. If any increase from the aforesaid slaves will be in that my aforesaid wife shall have them entirely at her own disposal. My will further is that after the deceased of my loving wife, Mary Smith, one-half of the stock, hogs, cattle, sheep and horses, and one-half of the houses and one-half of the land, all being at her choice after divided, and one-half of the furniture and movables on plantation (land excepted) at her own disposal. My will further is that my aforesaid wife, Mary Smith, shall pay 10 shillings out of what arises from the above part of stock and furniture to be equally divided between my seven children, John, Obadiah, Jacob, Luke, Elizabeth, Ann, Mary (Molly) Smith.

Item, My will further is that my son, William Smith, shall have 47 and 10 shillings to his brothers and sisters. My will further is that my loving son, William Smith, shall be whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, October 25, 1864, at VITAAM.

OBADIAH SMITH.

Witness, Nathaniel Vandervall, John Pleasant and James Allen.

Recorded by Bowles Cooke, clerk.

Martin Smith, son of Obadiah (3), Jacob (2), Obadiah (1) and Mary Cooke Smith. Will book No. 5, page 333, Henrico Courthouse.

I, Martin Smith, being of infirm body, sound mind and memory, make and order this as my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me. My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid in order to enable my executors hereinafter named to execute the same to the end, do enter upon and sell all my estate both real and personal or of whatever kind may consist (not here mentioned), do and at such times and upon such terms that they may think advantageous to my estate.

My will and desire is that my executors do convey to Jacob Smith by deed the land whereon he lives, to that part running from a corner pine oak Robert Gordon's line, along a line of marked trees to a corner poplar and timber on old mill pond branch, thence to the poplar to William Young's line, so as to include the little meadow.

My will and desire is that my executor do convey by deed to John Hawkins Lydall Bowles and his brother Jacob Smith, the said land having been made to me by the said Jesse Smith so soon as each of them shall complete the third and last payment for the same.

I give and bequeath unto my sister, Nancy Smith, 1500 to be paid to her by my executors as soon as the same can be made of my estate by them, and her heirs forever.

I lend to my mother, Elizabeth Burdett, during her lifetime my negro woman, Lerora, and her child, Moses, together with her increase and at her death give and bequeath them to my sister, Nancy Smith, to her and her heirs forever.

My will and desire that my mother, Elizabeth Burdett, and my sister, Nancy Smith, shall have the use of the plantation whereon they now live, which is owned by myself and brother, Jacob Smith, also two small pieces of land I bought of Thomas Butler and Jones Tyler, so long as they live, and at the death or marriage of all of them, I give and bequeath the same land to my brother, Jacob Smith, and Lydall Bowles, to them and their heirs forever.

My will and desire that the remaining part of my estate to be divided in the following manner: One-fifth part between all the children of my sister, Nancy Smith, which she has or may have, as well as those by her husband, John Ryall, deceased, as those by her present husband, George King.

One-fifth part between all the children of my sister, Nancy Smith, which she has or may have, and the remaining fifth to my sister, Nancy Smith.

My will and desire is if either of the children of my sister, Nancy Smith, or those left by my sister, Lucy Hawkins, should claim any part of the land which their mother held as one of the heirs of my father, Obadiah Smith, deceased, which I purchased that they shall not have any part of my estate before devised.

I give and bequeath to my brother, Jacob Smith, all the interest I have in the wagons, mules, which I have held in conjunction, and release him from all accounts, whether by note or open account, upon his paying five hundred dollars annually during her lifetime out of that part of my estate which I have given him.

Lastly, I appoint Lydall Bowles and Jacob Smith and Benjamin Sheppard executors, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of August 1815.

MARTIN SMITH.

Witnesses: John Burton, Sr., Daniel Burton, John Burton, Jr.

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